

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:	Application No. 10/559,996)	
)	<i>Confirmation No. 4587</i>
Filed:	October 4, 2006)	
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Applicants:	Ralf KRAHMER et al.)	
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Title:	REAGENTS FOR MODIFYING)	This Restriction Requirement and
	BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, THE)	Amendment was electronically filed on
	USE AND PRODUCTION)	September 13, 2007 using the USPTO's
	THEREOF)	EFS-Web.
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Art Unit:	1654)	
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Examiner:	Ronald T. Niebauer)	
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Attorney Docket:	5942/87136)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action dated August 17, 2007, in which the Examiner required and Election between Groups I, II and III . Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-5, 9-15, and 17-20 and species where

Z= formula (X_c),

in which a is 3, b is 2, c is 2, d is 3, P is H and R¹ is a C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy residue; the disclosure therefor can be found in paragraph [0045] of the U.S. publication;

W= hydrogen;

X= short chain methoxy polyethylene residues having three ethylene units; the disclosure therefor can be found in paragraph [0044].

V= a hydrocarbon residue which contains heteroatoms and a linker group represented by an alkyl chain which contains the heteroatoms N and O. The disclosure therefor can be found in paragraphs [0048] and [0054].

The election is with traverse as the claims of Groups I, II and III are linked by a common inventive concept, namely compounds and/or a method of preparing compounds which exhibit at least two groups of formula (IIa). These compounds and the method for preparing such compounds are not anticipated by the prior art so that the common inventive concept is novel.

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